

LESSON

5

PRACTICE WORKSHEET A

Elements of Plot

COPYMASTER

Directions: Read the following story. Then fill in the plot diagram shown below. Identify the exposition, conflict, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution in this story.

All summer long, the grasshopper hopped about, singing his happy-go-lucky song. All summer long, the ant scurried about, finding seeds to haul back to his storehouse. One day the grasshopper asked the ant why he never stopped working. Said the grasshopper, smugly, “You are missing the most beautiful part of life—these long and lovely summer days.” The ant paused, then said, “Long and lovely summer days do not last forever.” Then he hustled back to work. Months passed. The days became short and cold; the nights, long and colder. Each day the grasshopper searched desperately for bits of food but often went hungry. The ant stayed in his storehouse, eating his food and occasionally emerging to check on the weather. One day, the grasshopper happened to be shivering nearby when the ant popped out. He begged the ant to spare him a bit of food. The ant looked at the grasshopper. He recalled the grasshopper saying that the ant was missing the most beautiful part of life. Finally, the ant said, “I happen to think that *this* is the most beautiful part of life, when I feel safe, knowing I have made wise plans for the winter.” Then the ant went back into his cozy den, and the grasshopper realized what a fool he had been.

